imported raw materials where high import duty or indigenous production angles are involved?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER): The import of raw materials required for export production by the manufacturer-exporter under the Duty Exemption and Imports-Exports Pass Book Schemes are allowed with Actual Users condition. After taking prior approval, Merchant-Exporters, however, are allowed to transfer imported materials to their supporting manufacturer under the Advance Licensing Scheme. Apart from sufficient in-built safeguards against the misuse of the said schemes, any violation of the condition, attracts penal action under the law.

Joint ventures with Hungary in the third countries

1107. SHRI YELLA SESU BHUSHANA RAO: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal for setting up joint ventures with Hungary in the third countries; and

(b) what are the details of the annual volume of trade between India and Hungary during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The provisional figures of the trade between India and Hungary during the last three years are given below:—

(Rs. In crores)

	1983-84	1984-85	1985-86 (April-Sept, 85)
Imports from Hungary into India	39·14	26·64	15·58
Exports from India to Hungary.	21·96	19·74	11·39
TOTAL TURNOVER	61·10	46·38	26·97

1108. [*Transferred to the 9th May, 1986*]

State Annual Budgets

1109. SHRI F. M. KHAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the extent of deficit financing provided in the various State Annual Budgets for 1986-87; and

(b) what is the extent of assistance demanded by the various State Governments from the Centre to make good this deficit and what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) A statement is laid on the Table of the House. (*See* below).

(b) No request has been received from the State Governments to make good the deficit projected in the State Budgets for 1986-87.

Statement

(Rs. Crores)

States	Overall Surplus(+)/ Deficit (—) as in the Budgets 1986-87
Andhra Pradesh	—137·71
Assam	—38·25
Bihar	+87·84
Gujarat	—31·21
Haryana	—26·74
Himachal Pradesh	—0·87
Jammu & Kashmir	+5·51
Karnataka	—43·55
Kerala	—59·40
Madhya Pradesh	—12·30
Maharashtra	—36·21
Manipur	+10·18
Meghalaya	—0·07
Nagaland	+8·00
Orissa	—16·35
Punjab	—
Rajasthan	—77·41
Sikkim	—1·10
Tamil Nadu	—4·79
Tripura	—5·35
Uttar Pradesh	—88·84
West Bengal	+21·95
TOTAL:	—446·67
	(—580·15) (+133·48)

Relief in customs duty on newsprint

1110. SHRI VISHWA BANDHU GUPTA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the prices of newsprint, specially indigenous newsprint, have gone beyond the reach of newspaper establishments and some of the newspapers may face closure due to the heavy escalation of newsprint prices; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to give some relief in customs duty on newsprint during the current year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) The Central Government has allowed the price of indigenous newsprint to be raised by an amount found reasonable by the Bureau of Industrial Costs and Prices' study, keeping in view the relevant factors. The price of newsprint is just one element in the total cost of a newspaper. The price rise in indigenous newsprint has taken place after a period of about 20 months.

(b) Import duty on newsprint has recently been reduced to Rs. 550 per tonne. There is no proposal at present to alter the rates of customs duty on newsprint.

Proposals for cooperative spinning mills from Maharashtra

1111. SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV:

DR. (SHRIMATI) NAJMA HEPTULLA:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the policy of Government in clearing the cooperative spinning mills of Maharashtra;

(b) what is the number of such proposals at present pending with the Central Government; and

(c) by when these are likely to be cleared?